THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There are no function halls in Secunderabad Cantonment, which are situated on land held on lease from the Government.

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No land has been given to other persons on lease for running hotels in the cantonment area.

Order to vacate huts to poor families of Secunderabad Cantonment

2395. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several poor families in Secunderabad cantonment area are serving military personnel by washing/cleaning military horses and providing other household services and assisting in menial jobs for the last 4 or 5 decades; and

(b) if so, the reasons for giving them notices to vacate their huts and exchange land?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Positioning an eye in the sky

2396. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to position "An eye in the sky" tucked into 152 metre long helium based balloon above the country's border; and

(b) if so, how will this be useful to augment border surveillance and track missiles?

.THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Details cannot be divulged in the interest of national security.